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## **DETAILED ACTION**

- 1. Claims 1-21, and 31-37 have been canceled.
- 2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
  - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 3. Claims 22-23, 26-30, 38-39, 40, 42-43, and 47 are rejected under 35
  U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al(US 5486129) in view of Hiyama et al. Sandhu et al discloses a cmp apparatus comprising substantially all of the subject matter set forth in Applicant's claims above, except for the recitation of the plurality of optical systems having sensors for independently measuring reflected light from the substrate. Note in figure 1, and column 6, lines 21-34, the use of plural optical systems(62) embedded in the platen, spaced at different angular positions about the axis of rotation, and coupled to a controller, for determining polishing endpoint. Hiyama, et al disclose plural optical systems for measuring film thickness during cmp comprising light sources and sensors which are independent. To make the light sources and sensors independent in order to independently measure film thickness at different points across the wafer to alternatively arrive at a suitable endpoint, would have been obvious as taught by Hiyama et al.
- 4. With regard to claim 28, to utilize only two optical apertures, to reduce the number of components for the sake of economy, would have been an obvious design expedient to those of ordinary skill in the art. To utilize light in the 300-400 nm range, or

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600-1500nm range, both in the visible range, to visually monitor the optical systems would have been no more than an obvious matter of design choice to those of ordinary skill in this art.

- 5. Claims 44-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al in view of Hiyama et al and further in view of Japan No. 403234467. Japan('467) discloses the known use of a solid window in a polishing pad to protect the optical elements. To further provide a conventional solid window in the pad above the platen in Sandhu et al to prevent slurry from entering the apertures and damaging the optical system, would have been obvious in view of Japan('447).
- 6. Claims 24-25, and 41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
- 7. Applicant's arguments filed January 11, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant has argued that Sandhu et al does not employ plural optical systems within the platen. However, each of the light transmitter/receiver units in Sandhu et al may be considered as an optical system, as broadly set forth in Applicant's independent claims. Applicant's new limitation of the sensors being independently measuring light from the substrate is deemed to be taught by Hiyama et al. Hiyama, et al clearly shows the known use of plural optical systems within the platen, each having both light source and sensor which independently measure the reflected light.

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8. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time

policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later

than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Robert Rose at

telephone number (703) 308-1360.

Robert Rose Primary Examiner

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September 1, 2005.